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1. SUMMARY: AMONG COUNTRIES SPEAKING WERE IRAN, USSR, FRANCE,
AND PAKISTAN. SOVIETS ATTRIBUTED IMPORTANCE TO BILATERAL
COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR FIELD WITH US AND IAEA ACTION IN PNE
FIELD. FRANCE CHIDED USA FOR ENRICHMENT CAPACITY SHORTAGE AND
AGENCY FOR DISCRIMINATING AMONG NPT PARTIES AND NON-PARTIES.
PAKISTAN (SEE SEPTTEL) TOOK NPT DEPOSITARIES TO TASK FOR
INDECISIVE REACTION TO INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION. END SUMMARY.

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2. IRAN: DREW ATTENTION TO TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS AFFECTING LDCS

IN THEIR NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS: TRAINING OF MANPOWER AND SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR FUEL. COMMENDED AGENCY FOR EFFORTS IN TRAINING FIELD; ADVOCATED THAT IAEA ASSUME ROLE IN REGULARIZING FUEL SUPPLY SITUATION. ANNOUNCED EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION OF \$70,000. TO GENERAL FUND. NOTED RATIFICATION OF NPT BY IRAN ON MAY 15, 1974, URGED ALL COUNTRIES WHICH HAD NOT YET SIGNED TO DO SO; CALLED FOR BROAD SUPPORT OF IRANIAN INITIATIVE FOR CREATION OF MIDDLE EAST NUCLEAR FREE ZONE.

3. USSR: SOVIET REP I.D. MOROKHOV, FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE ON UTILIZATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY, GAVE RAPID-FIRE OUTLINE OF FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS OVER LAST FEW YEARS CONTRIBUTING TO PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, GENERAL DISARMAMENT AND IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL SECURITY: CSCE, NEGOTIATIONS ON REDUCTION OF ARMS IN CENTRAL EUROPE, MOSCOW TREATY, PROHIBITION OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, ABM AGREEMENT WITH US, TREATY ON LIMITATION OF UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS, AND GENERAL RESULTS OF JUNE SOVIET-US SUMMIT. NOTEWORTHY THROUGHOUT WERE FREQUENT REFERENCES TO US-USSR AGREEMENTS AND COOPERATION.

DREW ATTENTION TO STATEMENT BY BREZHNEV IN CONNECTION' WITH RECENT 30TH POLISH LIBERATION CELEBRATIONS CALLING FOR UNIVERSAL APPLICATION OF NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. URGED INCREASED ADHERENCE TO NPT AND CONCLUSION WITH IAEA OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS BY NPT PARTIES. EXPRESSED PARTICULAR HOPE THAT EURATOM COUNTRIES AND JAPAN WOULD SIGN AND RATIFY NPT SOON. MENTIONED US-UK-USSR AGREEMENT TO INFORM AGENCY OF INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENTS OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS, AND MEASURES ANNOUNCED BY EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO IMPLEMENT ART. III(2) OF NPT. CALLED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN PROCESSING OF SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION, WITH MORE RELIANCE ON ADVANCED COMPUTER TECHNIQUES. PROPOSED TECHNICAL REVIEW OF AGENCY SYSTEM AS APPLIED UNDER INFCIRC/66 TO MAKE SAFEGUARDS MORE EFFECTIVE AND ECONOMIC.

MOROKHOV ALSO PLACED STRONG EMPHASIS ON "CONSIDERABLE PREPARATORY WORK" BEING UNDERTAKEN BY AGENCY IN PNE FIELD AND REFERRED TO MOST RECENT BOARD DECISION TO SET UP UNIT WITHIN AGENCY FOR HANDLING PNE SERVICES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. NOTED WITH SATISFACTION PERFORMANCE OF AGENCY IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSISTANCE, UNDER ART. IV OF NPT, TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

AFTER PROVIDING ACCOUNT OF MAJOR NUCLEAR ENERGY PROJECTS IN USSR AND OTHER COMECON COUNTRIES, MOROKHOV NOTED USSR WAS PROVIDING COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE THROUGH IAEA REGULARLY AND IN CONSTANTLY INCREASING MEASURE, AND WOULD INCREASE ITS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO 500,000 RUBLES IN 1975, WITH NPT PARTIES TO BENEFIT FROM SOVIET TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

4. IRAQ, IN APPARENT REFERENCE TO OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES, MADE WELCOME STATEMENT THAT CERTAIN RECIPIENTS OF AGENCY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS SHOULD PAY FOR SERVICES RECEIVED. ALSO ANNOUNCED INCREASE IN VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO TEN TIMES ITS ASSESSED RATE.

5. FRANCE: FRENCH REP GOLDSCHMIDT, IN BLUNT BUT GOOD-NATURED STATEMENT, AIMED A COUPLE OF PASSING SHOTS AT USA. NOTING FRANCE WAS ALMOST ALONE IN PREDICTING EXHAUSTION OF CURRENT ENRICHMENT CAPACITY, DESPITE AFFIRMATIONS OF "PRINCIPAL PRODUCER THAT IT WOULD SATISFY ALL NEEDS BEYOND 1980", GOLDSCHMIDT LAUDED FRENCH PERSPICACITY AND CORRECTNESS OF DECISION TO MOVE AHEAD WITH EURODIF PROJECT. NOTED ALSO WITH EQUAL SELF-SATISFACTION THAT FRANCE HAD BEEN ONE OF FEW COUNTRIES TO PERSIST WITH ACTIVE URANIUM EXPLORATION PROGRAM, A COURSE OF ACTION VINDICATED BY ENERGY CRISIS AND GROWING SHORTAGE OF URANIUM STOCKS. AFTER BRIEF REVIEW OF MAIN NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS IN FRANCE, INCLUDING CADARACHE REACTOR AND PHENIX FAST-BREEDER, FRENCH REP GAVE QUALIFIED ENDORSEMENT TO IAEA SAFETY PROGRAM, IN SUCH WAY AS TO HIGHLIGHT NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. MIDLY CHIDED IAEA DG EKLUND FOR OPENING SPEECH DIVIDING AGENCY INTO DIFFERING CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS ALONG LINES OF NPT, NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, AND SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS WITH AGENCY. FRENCH REP STRESSED, AND THIS WAS GOOD TO HEAR, THAT AGENCY WAS COMPOSED OF ONLY ONE CATEGORY OF MEMBERS "WHICH, LIKE FRANCE, ARE ALL OPPOSED TO PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS."

6. PHILIPPINES: NOTED WITH SPECIAL INTEREST INTENT OF ONE MEMBER STATE (USA) TO GRANT PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO NPT PARTIES FOR IN-KIND ASSISTANCE AND WELCOMED THIS SUPPORT TO NPT ART. IV. ALSO MADE STRONG PLEA FOR DUAL FINANCING OF UNCLASSIFIED

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, FROM REGULAR BUDGET AS WELL AS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

7. PAKISTAN: (SEE SEPTTEL FOR PAK REMARKS ON INDIAN EXPLOSION.) CRITICIZED AGENCY FOR PLACING TOO LOW A PRIORITY ON NUCLEAR TECHNIQUES IN INCREASING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION; ADVOCATED INCREASE IN AGENCY JOINT PROGRAM WITH FAO.TAPE

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